

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — May 28, 2023

Sermon Notes

This Week: “The Writing on the Wall!,” [Daniel 5:1-31](#), by Brandon Harris,
Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: [Proverbs 28:13-1](#);

New Testament Reading: [Daniel 5:1-31](#)

**The Provocation, [vv. 1-4](#); The Writing, [vv. 5-12](#); The Interpretation, [vv. 13-28](#);
The Recompense, [vv. 29-31](#)**

Four Takeaways for Us:

- *A reminder:* God’s in charge
 - *A warning:* Pride will bring you down
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 - *A caution:* More You Know, More You Owe.
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Chiastic Breakdown of Daniel 6:1-28

- Daniel’s Success, [vv. 1-3](#)
 - ⇒ Darius’s Decree; Daniel’s Stand, [vv. 4-10](#)
 - ◇ Colleagues Plot Daniel’s Death, [vv. 11-15](#)
 - * Darius Wants His Salvation, [vv. 16-18](#)
 - * Darius Witnesses His Salvation, [vv. 19-23](#)
 - ◇ Colleagues Meet Their Death, [v. 24](#)
 - ⇒ Darius’s Decree and Stance, [vv. 25-27](#)
- Daniel’s Success, [v. 28](#)

Simple Breakdown of Daniel 6:1-28

The Plot, [vv. 1-9](#)

The chapter begins with a new king (Darius) and a new administrative organization (120 satraps).

What was Daniel’s position and what was the king’s evaluation of his work?

Why might some of these satraps be unhappy about Daniel’s position in the government?

What reason might they have for having to put Daniel out the way, e.g., get him killed?

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What was Daniel's character and performance in government that made it hard to press charges against him?

What was the one issue that was used to make Daniel appear as treasonous towards the government?

The Trap, [vv. 10-18](#)

How did these satraps use the King Darius's insecurities to lay a trap for Daniel?

What did Daniel do immediately after he learned of Darius's decree? ([1 Kings 8:35-36](#))

Was Daniel secretive in his worship of the one true God? Was this a typical pattern for Daniel?

In making this decree, had King Darius anticipated its consequences for Daniel?

Did King Darius have to follow through with his royal decree?

The Reversal, [vv. 19-24](#)

What did King Darius find the next morning as to Daniel's fate?

What happened to the men and their families that had falsely accused Daniel?

The Decree, [vv. 25-28](#)

What did King Darius's decree to all the kingdoms in his domain?

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